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On page 96, line 12, following "CAGCU", insert -(SEQ ID NO:2)-.

On page 101, immediately preceding the claims, please insert the enclosed text entitled "SEQUENCE LISTING".

## In the Claims:

- 19. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus for the detection of target nucleic acids in a test sample, comprising:
  - a) a test chamber comprising a first and a second electrode, wherein said first electrode comprises a single stranded nucleic acid covalently attached to said electrode via a spacer, wherein said electrode further comprises a passivation agent monolayer; and
  - b) an AC/DC voltage source electrically connected to said [test chamber] <u>first and</u> <u>second measuring electrodes</u>.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 19-31 and 33-40 are pending. An appendix of Pending Claims is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

## Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. The amendments are made in adherence with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825. This amendment is accompanied by a floppy disc containing the above named sequences, SEQUENCE ID NUMBERS 1–2 in computer readable form, and a paper copy of the sequence information. The computer readable sequence listing was prepared through use of the software program "PatentIn" provided by